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TO ELDERS AND SAINTS OF THE BRITISH MISSION

A SHORT TIME over three years has passed since my landing in England to take charge of the British Mission. This time has passed all too rapidly. In bidding you all goodbye it is done with sorrow in the thought that our many pleasant associations will be severed for a time, but nevertheless there is a joy in the anticipation of meeting my loved ones and a still greater joy in the realization that an honourable release has been granted by the First Presidency.

As you all know the British Mission was the first Mission to be established in foreign lands. This Mission was opened in July, 1837, under the direction of Elder Heber C. Kimball, that stalwart defender of the Truth. From that year until 1850 it was the only Mission established in these European Countries, and has been presided over by many loyal and splendid men. In 1850, Elders Erastus Snow, John Taylor and Lorenzo Snow came to Europe with Divine appointment to open the Gospel door to other parts of that great country. When these brethren left for their homes the presidency of the European Missions was left under the direction of a man called and chosen by the servants of the Lord. Since those early times until January 1st, 1929, the British Mission has been under the immediate direction of the European Mission President, and what wonderful men all have been who have presided over the European Mission.

In the Fall of 1928, it was decided that the British Mission should be separated from the immediate direction of the European Mission President, as is the case with other of the great Missions in Europe. When President Heber J. Grant notified me of my appointment to be the president of the British Mission, under the new order of things, I felt, and do still feel, that the greatest

honour in my life had been given to me. I felt mighty humble and weak but I have diligently tried to uphold the high standards of the Church among the people of the British nation. I have enjoyed every minute of my labours and am sad in leaving them.



A. WILLIAM LUND

To the traveling Missionaries I leave my blessings and thanks for the loyal support that you have given me and for the diligent efforts you have put forth in spreading the Gospel to the people. Brethren, you are chosen and called with the most glorions calling that can be given to man, namely, that of being an Ambassador of our Lord with authority to call all to repentance and to administer the ordinances of Everlasting Life to mankind. You must not go backward but always onward and upward in this calling. Time is too pre-

precious to waste, souls are too precious to lose and therefore it is your great responsibility to spend your time trying to reach all you can with the message of Truth which you bear. Be kind and courteous to all people and especially to those who have been brave enough to accept the Gospel and, in face of all opposition, old traditions and customs, try to live it. Encourage the saints to attend Priesthood classes, Genealogical classes and all Auxiliary Associations and thus help them to grow among the people. Walk in humility and obedience before the Lord; be tolerant of the beliefs of others; ever be prayerful and success will crown your labours.



JOSEPHINE B. LUND

To the saints I also leave my

blessings and thanks for your loyalty and for the splendid treatment given to myself, my wife and family as we have traveled among you, and also for the kindness shown to the traveling Elders. Continue in your good work. You must never let any doubt come into your mind concerning the Church which you have joined as it is the Church of Jesus Christ. The doctrines you have accepted are the doctrines of our Lord and Saviour and will lead you unto Him and, if obeyed, crown you with Glory and Eternal Life. I plead with you to attend your meetings, to store up knowledge, to be humble and prayerful, to be obedient, to be loyal and true, and above all things to never lose that testimony which God has given you concerning the restoring of His Church through a Divinely appointed Prophet.

I feel that a great amount of good has been done throughout the British Mission by both the Elders and the saints. Much seed has been sown and I feel sure a rich harvest will be reaped. It may be of interest to all to know just a few things concerning the work done in this line. During the three years there has been accomplished the following : 673 Baptisms ; 302,219 Gospel conversations ; 76,610 Families of Investigators visited ; 7,944,272 Tracts distributed ; 224, 843 Pamphlets distributed ; 10,559 Copies of the Book of Mormon distributed ; 6,895 Other books distributed ; 23,004 Meetings held by the missionaries, and 1,692,788 total hours of work.

In conclusion I again pray God to pour down His choice blessings upon you all that you may be happy and healthy in yourselves and diligent in your service to Him. I leave with you my testimony that I do know that God does live and is our Father ; that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is the Redeemer of all ; that salvation can come only by rendering obedience to Him ; that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God and was Divinely chosen to establish again upon the Earth, God's Church and His Priesthood, and that Heber J. Grant is a Prophet of God endowed with all the keys and powers necessary to exalt man in the Celestial Kingdom of our God.



GWENDOLYN, KENNETH,
GEORGE AND RUTH LUND.

“Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward. Courage, brethren; and on, on to the victory. Let your hearts rejoice, and be exceedingly glad. Let the earth break forth into singing. Let the dead speak forth anthems of eternal praise to the King Immanuel, who hath ordained, before the world was, that which would enable us to redeem them out of their prison; for the prisoners shall go free. Let the mountains shout for joy, and all ye valleys cry aloud; and all ye seas and dry lands tell the wonders of your Eternal King! And ye rivers, and brooks, and rills, flow down with gladness. Let the woods and all the trees of the field praise the Lord, and ye solid rocks weep for joy! And let the sun, moon, and the morning stars sing together, and let all the sons of God shout for joy! And let the eternal creations declare His name forever and ever! And again I say, how glorions is the voice we hear from heaven, proclaiming in our ears, glory, and salvation, and honour, and immortality, and eternal life; kingdoms, principalities, and powers!”

My wife and children join with me in bidding you all a fond farewell until we meet again.

Cordially your brother,
A. WILLIAM LUND.

MY GREATEST EXPERIENCE IN THE MISSION FIELD

ELDER JUNIUS E. DRIGGS, MANCHESTER DISTRICT

MY greatest experience in the mission field came as a result of very active opposition to the Church. Mr. J. Baker Howard of Daubhill, Bolton, wrote a play entitled, “A Mormon’s Bride,” and was playing it in the Grand Theatre at Bolton. A very active advertising campaign was carried on, and by press and poster, a £200 challenge was issued to all “Mormons,” to prove false any statements made in the play. To cap the climax they published that two officials of the Church had called at the theatre and had accepted the challenge. Consequently, President Lund gave me permission to answer them, and, after prayer, the Manchester District missionaries went down to the theatre *en masse*. As Friday and Saturday nights were somewhat similar, only one night need be described.

The first act of the play portrayed the family life of a Lancashire family. Just at the critical time when money was needed to pay for an operation on the mother’s eyes, the wily “Mormon” Elder offers the daughter £250, and with fair promises of a position in Utah, carries her away.

At the end of the first act, Mr. Howard, the author of the play, came out in front of the curtain and gave, what he said, was a true account of “Mormonism.” He said “that Joseph Smith was arrested three times before he was twenty-one years of age on account of drunkenness; that as a result of the visitation of an angel “Joe” Smith went into the desert and there found a book of gold.

In 1828, he organized the "Mormon" Church and from then until 1843, led a life of awful licentiousness and vice, until finally an outraged populace lynched him on May 23rd, 1843, for rape and seduction." A few moments later he said "that because of the terrible nature of their deeds the public was aroused to righteous indignation, and rather than let "Joe" Smith and his brother Hyrum get away, by trick and artifice as they had previously done, they shot them in cold blood." He said "that Brigham Young and every leader of the Church since that time had led wicked and licentious lives, and that every 'Mormon' Elder was a 'damn scoundrel.'" Then he put his thumbs in his vest and walked up and down the stage and said, "if there is a 'Mormon' Elder in the audience and he dare come upon the stage, I will soon 'polish him off.'"

Imagine what my feelings were, sitting in the midst of an already prejudiced audience whose antagonism had been fanned almost to a flame by the lying oratory of Mr. Howard!

I stood up, walked down the aisle and across the front of the audience and out through the wings behind the footlights. It was my stage debut and I got more of a thrill out of it than any actor ever did! I told them "that I was a 'Mormon' Elder and proud of the fact; that my home was in Phoenix, Arizona, and that all 'Mormon' Elders did not come from Salt Lake City, or Utah." I told them "we were not there to take up Mr. Howard's challenge to prove statements made in the play false." They made a little fun at this but then I said, "how could we prove it false, the play had proved nothing true, fictitious names and places were used and no dates given, consequently nothing could be proved against it." I said, "We are not afraid to meet anybody in the world if they will bring names, dates, places and facts, then we could prove that events enacted in the play never did happen to real people."

I then asked the audience if they thought we were making fools out of Scotland Yard by working under police protection in this country, and at the same time spiriting girls away to Utah contrary to the laws of both England and America. I called attention to the fact that Mr. Howard said Joseph Smith was lynched, and then almost in the same breath, said he was shot in cold blood. I mentioned the fallacy of his dates, both for the organization of the Church and the martyrdom of the Prophet and his brother Hyrum, and told them that his other statements were just as false as his dates were wrong. I bore my testimony of the Gospel to them and then went back into the wings. The cast of the play surrounded me and shook my hand and said they were all in sympathy with us and that the play was just work to them. On my way back to my seat a young man stopped me, and told me he was a Catholic, but did not believe a word of the play and apologized to me for the Bolton people.

It was the thrill of a lifetime to stand up there behind the footlights and tell that immense audience that I was a "Mormon" and proud of it and a little about the glorious message we bear. The help that the Lord gave to me and to others who answered Mr. Howard's charges, immeasurably strengthened my testimony of the Gospel.

From the very beginning of our Church the power of the Evil One has attempted to thwart the work of the Lord, but the Lord has His eye and His arm over His people and will "deliver them from all evil."

The stone cut out of the mountain without hands will roll forth and fill the whole earth and none can stay it.

COLERAINE CLERGYMAN'S VISIT TO AMERICA

REV. W. G. DAVIS

In our ecclesiastical journey through life, and it is now a fairly long one, we have heard a great deal about Salt Lake City, and some things for which it was said to be noted—matrimonial and otherwise—little thinking that it would ever be possible for us to see it and to move about in it. But what seemed impossible in the past has now become an accomplished fact.

From the first intimation we had of this well-known city, and its sayings and doings to the present time, a great many radical changes have taken place, and, in our opinion, for the better. Well do we remember the time when the very mention of Salt Lake City would have sent a shudder through the heart of those who were highly strung, and who not only loved matrimonial fidelity, but who lived to honour and defend it. But polygamy, which they naturally and righteously resented and condemned, is no longer practiced either in the city or in the state.

Salt Lake City is the capital of Utah, and has a population of one hundred and sixty thousand, forty per cent. of which belong to the "Mormon" faith. The common opinion is that the vast majority living in the city are "Mormons," but this is not so. They are in a slight majority in the State of Utah; but the Gentiles, as they are called, are stronger in the City. The only place in the world where the Jew is not a Jew is in the city of Salt Lake, since all who are not "Mormons" are called Gentiles.

The city is well-known for its beautiful churches, which number one hundred and thirty, half of which are "Mormon." The others cover the principal denominations known at home and in the States. Next to the "Mormons" come the Roman Catholics, with their magnificent cathedral and numerous following. The other sections of the Christian Church are evenly balanced, and are said to live and work together in perfect harmony. Congregationalism is ably represented in the city.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH MISSION

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st. 1931

DISTRICTS	Missionaries Dec. 31, 1931				Local Priesthood				Members	Children under 8 years old	Total Number of Souls	Baptized	Excommunicated	Died	Answered Calls While Tracting	Invitations in While Tracting	Gospel Conversations	Families of Investi- gators Visited Not Tracting	Tracts Distributed	Pamphlets Distributed	Copies of Book of Mormon Distributed	Other Books Distributed	Meetings Held by Missionaries	Total Hours Work
	H. Priests	Seventies	Elders	Women	H. Priests	Elders	Priests	Teachers																
Birmingham	1	7	8	23	20	11	3	29	644	68	795	17	3	46190	311	5834	1360	175877	4864	222	259	502	37628	
Bristol	1	6	6	8	13	6	8	6	135	21	186	7	3	33620	258	5284	1657	154731	4135	259	242	479	31905	
Free State*	1	7	8	9	8	9	21	8	26	12	63	2	6	82931	278	280	16	210	21	128	11	138	906	
Hull	1	8	8	8	8	9	21	21	217	36	299	17	4	82931	278	1807	2235	202299	2730	119	223	600	34357	
Leeds	2	8	8	20	25	17	47	522	522	62	693	48	4	48922	865	9712	2376	201260	22233	443	223	600	38687	
Liverpool	2	6	8	21	23	14	55	504	504	70	687	25	11	68431	555	9640	1993	228295	4364	264	150	424	43801	
London	10	12	10	29	25	2	42	441	441	49	616	9	7	58145	242	8652	1171	188126	3347	200	313	944	54103	
Manchester	12	10	12	26	28	2	29	435	435	46	669	8	6	49511	325	8660	1452	245617	2897	192	150	709	40918	
Newcastle	8	8	8	15	20	11	36	591	591	65	739	8	2	48962	273	8660	2857	138557	3659	128	214	839	46624	
Norwich	5	5	6	12	10	9	136	167	167	25	196	21	4	30675	151	7110	1667	128256	3476	88	109	434	31169	
Nottingham	1	7	8	12	15	4	33	367	367	59	503	16	4	52470	151	3497	1219	159393	3165	189	103	487	31189	
Portsmouth	1	4	5	5	5	2	6	104	104	7	128	4	2	41312	107	5040	1134	130891	3476	103	135	537	24265	
Scottish	1	8	8	12	17	6	28	240	240	50	353	14	1	45695	296	3014	1327	143872	1134	1289	104	448	29950	
Sheffield	8	8	8	18	14	3	18	358	358	39	450	16	2	29220	518	7908	2099	126809	3283	203	107	404	22934	
Ulster	3	3	4	3	5	3	18	358	358	39	450	16	4	29220	518	7908	2099	126809	3283	203	107	404	22934	
Welsh	4	4	5	3	5	7	125	125	125	19	151	6	4	9701	208	4044	823	66981	909	171	102	275	20060	
Mission Office	1	4	6	8	8	6	9	9	165	19	212	14	1	56505	579	7298	2164	13115	754	43	10	65	31194	
TOTALS.....	2	8107	1118	2237	2140	99383	5010	689	6640	245	360702	590	360	702590	5439	97967	25080	2516161	69596	3016245	8049	529090		

*Local Elder Benjamin R. Birchall, District President

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1932

EDITORIAL

RELEASE OF PRESIDENT LUND

PRESIDENT A. WILLIAM LUND, with his wife and four children, Kenneth H., Gwendolyn, Ruth and George, left Birmingham last week and will sail for America in about two weeks.

Brother Lund's three years as President of the British Mission have been full years. The care of nearly two hundred missionaries and over six thousand five hundred members of the Church has left no time for leisure. Besides, the changing times, with the steady progress in means and methods within the Church, have compelled constant attention to many new problems of greatest importance.

The service of President Lund has been single hearted. The welfare of the cause of the Lord has been his only concern. With true missionary spirit he has laid aside all thoughts of things foreign to the immediate needs of the mission placed in his charge. He has given his best, and all of his power, to the promotion of the work of the Lord in the British Isles. He will be remembered as an eloquent teacher and defender of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a devoted servant of missionaries and saints.

Sister Josephine B. Lund has supported her husband with all her might. She has left her children and traveled with him in all seasons of the year, in pursuance of her calling. The love of the work and the people has grown within her, until deep regret fills her as the mission associations are about to be broken. She has served to the best of her ability, and in that manner has met the missionary obligations placed upon her.

Mention should be made of President and Sister Lund's splendid family, who, each in his or her way, have rendered distinct service in the advancement of the Lord's work in England. The older son, Elder Wm. Kenneth Lund, has filled a regular mission. Sister Gwendolyn, in addition to her successful school work, has served as the Bee-Hive Leader for the Mission. Sister Ruth and Brother George have been worthy representatives of their people in their various activities. The missionary spirit has filled every member of President Lund's family.

Reward for faithful and diligent service in the cause of the Lord comes not in outward honour, but in the inward knowledge that the work assigned has been done with sincerity. An honourable release has been given Brother and Sister Lund and

their family, by the First Presidency, and they have that greater personal assurance of having done their best. The A. William Lund family will return to their western home with gladness in their hearts for the opportunity to serve and for divine help in magnifying the required labours.

Missionaries and members of the British Mission and all who know Brother and Sister Lund and their family wish them God-speed and much joy in the coming years, and bless them for their efforts in behalf of the Church of Christ.—W.

GREETINGS FROM THE BRITISH MISSIONARIES

(NOTE: The following excerpts are from tributes paid to President Lund and family, by the missionaries of the British Mission, published in the Mission paper, *Harbinger*, No. 23, Vol. 2. It is regretted that all of the tributes cannot be published here.—ED.)

DEAR PRESIDENT LUND AND FAMILY,

“We the Elders of the Birmingham District wish to extend our appreciation to you and your family. We deem it an honour, and we esteem the loyalty and friendship you have shown unto us.

“Your patience, persistence of purpose, lofty ideals, determined aspirations and sterling character, have been constant sources of inspiration and determination to us.” (Birmingham District.)

“President Lund and his family were called by revelation and by the laying on of hands by those in authority, to come into this part of God’s vineyard. He has done to the best of his ability the work that was outlined for him to do.” (Portsmouth District.)

“In accepting the call of God to take the responsibility of pioneering a new era in the history of the British Mission, you have indeed merited the appellation ‘great.’ You have made souls in the British Isles to rejoice because of your testimony of God’s work. You have made God’s greatest creation more fruitful, better, more worthy of Him. We thank the Father of all for such a man and woman as you.” (British Mission Office.)

“You have been unremitting, yet unassuming in your labours. Your actions have always been kindly and your thoughts have been tender and sweet, earning for yourselves a lasting good-will from all your co-labourers in the mission field. We have been privileged in having such leaders, and feeling that your leadership has been based on the foundation of love, it has been our joy to follow and give our best.” (Free State District.)

“Your parental understanding and the wisdom used in directing the activities of the British Missionaries will linger forever as a loving memory and a guiding light in our lives.” (Norwich District.)

"Even the inspired words of mighty Paul seem inadequate to express the profound love and sincere gratitude that has been kindled as a result of your unceasing interest and efforts in our behalf." (Scottish District.)

"The saints and friends regret your leaving, as we do. However, we all realize that the loss to us is gain to someone else. Therefore, we trust that you may return safely to Zion and take up the bonds of love and friendship with those you left. May there be enfolded in your future, health, wealth, and happiness. Bon voyage!" (Hull District.)

SPRING CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

THE 1932 Spring Conferences of the Districts in the British Mission will be held on the following dates:

Welsh	Sunday, February 14, 1932
Norwich	" " 28, "
Portsmouth	" March 6, "
Sheffield	" " 13, "
Nottingham	" " 20, "
Liverpool... ..	" " 27, "
Hull	" April 10, "
Manchester	" " 17, "
Leeds	" " 24, "
Ulster	" May 1, "
London	" " 8, "
Free State	" " 15, "
Birmingham	" " 22, "
Scottish	" " 29, "
Bristol	" June 5, "
Newcastle	" " 12, "

District Presidents are requested to make early arrangements for the meetings, and to submit their proposed programs to Mission headquarters. All members of the respective Districts should be informed and public notice be given.

Every District President is to prepare a written report showing the work done, changes in the missionary corps, new fields opened, branch organizations, percentage of increase or decrease in tithes and offerings—in short, a comprehensive history of his District. This report is to be in form suitable for reading to the congregation, and a copy is to be in readiness for the Mission President or his representative at the Conference.

Provision should be made wherever possible for three Sunday meetings—morning, afternoon and evening. The Sacrament should be administered at the morning meeting only.

It is desired that Sunday, April 3rd, be celebrated as the birthday of the Church, and that each branch have suitable meetings on this day, dealing with the organization and history of the Church. Sunday, February 21st has been reserved for a special Aaronic Priesthood program.

COLERAINE CLERGYMAN'S VISIT TO AMERICA

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When staying at the Y.M.C.A. in Pasadena, we met a gentleman who occupied the chair of history in the University of Utah, which is one of the finest buildings of Salt Lake City. It has one hundred and forty professors and their assistants on its staff, and upwards of four thousand students on its roll. Our friend, knowing President Grant, of the "Mormon" Church, gave us an exceptionally cordial note to him; but as he was out of the city we were looked after by his colleague. Anything like the attention we received would be hard to describe. As we shall have something to say on "Mormonism" when we return to Coleraine we need say no more about this particular form of the Christian faith save this: that we were asked to give an address in the Tabernacle, which holds eight thousand people, and it must have been nearly half-full, and again in the Assembly Building to a very large gathering. We were invited to preach on Sunday in the Tabernacle, when we should have had the building packed. Tens of thousands visit the Temple grounds every day in the summer.

Utah is a land of mountains, valleys, and plateaus, and when we were up in the mountains we could but feel that many of the rivers were full of trout, and we had the joy of seeing not a few trying to capture some for breakfast. As we were walking down a street in Salt Lake City we saw a sight that we had witnessed several times in the other cities of the West. It was at a restaurant. From one end of the window to the other was a very large fountain. At one end of it at the bottom corner came both food and water, and some forty or fifty trout of all sizes helping themselves. If you desired a fresh trout—and upon that issue there could be no doubt—you could select one and have it cooked in twenty minutes. The American captures the imagination all along the line.

When we were approaching the lake on our way to the city a fellow-passenger told us that he was motoring in the district, and pointed to the direction of it where there would be several miles of pure salt and some two or three feet deep, and that he had taken his car over it. Two young men who had traveled with us from the coast, told us on rejoining the train in the evening, that they had both gone out to Saltair to have a bathe

and that it was impossible to drive on account of the strength of the salt that the water contained. There is no fear of anyone going under and losing his life. The people who live here claim that Saltair is the most wonderful beach resort in the entire country. It is a great contention, but we believe there is a good deal in it. There is a strange beauty in its atmosphere, and a subtle mystery in what it hands to you ready-made, and a most vibrant romance about the district. One cannot always be at a sunset in such remarkable places in the world; but it is allowed that nothing can exceed a sunset at Saltair; they say you are held spellbound with wonder as you gaze at it. How true it is that the heavens declare the glory of God, and that His wonders are seen in every part of the world, in valley and mountain, in river and lake and landscape.

Where does the West begin? There must be a point at which it begins and a point at which it ends. But where the one and where the other? We have asked what we cannot answer with that mathematical accuracy which some may demand. Judging from a few lines we came upon the other day, there is an answer to this interrogation, and here it is:

Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
 Out where the smile dwells a little longer—
 That's where the West begins.

Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,
 Where there's more of giving and less of buying,
 And a man makes friends without half trying—
 That's where the West begins.

That has been our experience, and in no place in a higher degree than in Salt Lake City. We have met with nothing but kindness, and those of the "Mormon" faith carry it out to the last degree. Nothing gives them greater joy than to do something for you.

As is well known, the whole history of Salt Lake City clusters around the name of Brigham Young, and worthily so. He found it a veritable wilderness, and before his death he had the satisfaction of seeing a lovely garden, which was an eloquent tribute to his foresight, ingenuity, and common sense. He planned the city in such a way that it could not have been better arranged if the greatest architect and artist living had been entrusted with the task.

To know just where the trail doth lead
 Is more important far than speed;
 No toilsome journey daunts the soul
 Where vision sees a worth-while goal.

Brigham Young saw the trail and followed it, and though he and his friends had to face many a hard and difficult piece of

work, they continued the march, and Salt Lake City is the glorious outcome of this magnificent adventure.

The first monument which meets you as you approach the Temple grounds is that which is erected to his memory and to the pioneers of the "Mormon" Church. On the right of that is the Hotel Utah, which overlooks the Temple grounds, and for location stands unique in the hotel life of the nation.

It seems superfluous to say that the visitors that reach the city in various ways, and that by the thousand, all make for the Temple grounds. No one is allowed to smoke while there. A guide, or rather several of them, take you around at stated times and give you all the information you need to understand about everything you see, and that free. No tips allowed here. Unthinkable! There is one building which only those in high rank and standing can enter, and that is the "Mormon" Temple, which took forty years to build, and which cost eight hundred thousand pounds. The Tabernacle is the next structure which attracts thousands at noon each day to hear an organ recital, also free. This building has not a single nail in it; and it seats eight thousand people. Its choir numbers five hundred and is heard all over America every Monday afternoon. The common verdict is that few choirs in the world can equal it.

The Temple grounds are splendidly kept, and a day is all too short to see the different monuments erected within the enclosure, and also the museum and all the wonderful things it contains, and certainly not the least the attention you receive from the ladies who wait upon you.

Cookstown, in County Tyrone, has a very wide street and a very long one, but nothing to the width and length of those in Salt Lake City. This was the work of Brigham Young, with the result that it is one of the nicest and best ordered cities we have ever entered.—Published in the *Coleraine Chronicle*, an Irish newspaper.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Branch Conferences: Of the Brighton Branch, Portsmouth District, held on November 15th. "The Restoration" was the theme of the conference, which was well presented by those on the program. President David L. Rowley, Jr., and Elders Joseph W. Marriott and George H. Curtis were present.

Of the Portsmouth Branch, Portsmouth District, held on November 22nd. The theme, "Modern Revelation," was selected for the evening session. An unusually large attendance of members and their friends thoroughly enjoyed the enlightening addresses and musical numbers. Among those present were: President David L. Rowley, Jr. and Elder Cyrus W. Greaves.

Of the Pontllanfraith Branch, Welsh District, held on October 25th. The members and their friends enjoyed themselves exceedingly. The program consisted of a beautiful vocal solo by Sister Nora Dance and addresses by local brethren, President Clarence H. Taylor and Elder Elman T. Woodfield, who were the Missionaries in attendance. The theme of the conference was "The Lord's Tenth."

Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh District, held on November 8th. A large gathering of members and their friends attended and had a very enjoyable time together. The theme of the meetings was, "The Need of the Restoration." President Clarence H. Taylor and Elder Elman T. Woodfield were in attendance.

Of the Hexham Branch (unorganized), Newcastle District, held on November 1st. The theme, "The Gospel Dispensations," was clearly developed in song and speech to a large audience of members and their friends who were eager to hear the word of the Lord proclaimed. President Leo E. Bevan and Elders James R. Clark and Henry Groom were in attendance.

Of the West Hartlepool Branch, Newcastle District, held on November 8th. A large attendance of members and their friends enjoyed the presentation in Pageant form, of the "Thirteen Articles of Faith." A faith-promoting and constructive program was presented at the evening services. Missionaries present were: President Leo E. Bevan and Elders Richard G. Johnson, Clarence L. Miller and Delwin M. Clawson.

Of the Gateshead Branch, Newcastle District, held on November 15th. The entire day was enjoyed by all. "The Value of our Church Auxiliaries" was effectively presented in a program of song and recitation at the afternoon meeting. The same theme was very appropriate for the evening services. President Leo E. Bevan and Elders John F. Hawkins and Delwin M. Clawson were in attendance.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—At a baptismal service, held in the Handsworth Chapel, Birmingham District, Saturday, December 19th, one person was baptized by Elder William Kenneth Lund, and confirmed a member of the Church the same day by President A. William Lund.

On December 18th, a successful and enjoyable evening of dancing was had by the saints and their friends of the Birmingham District, under the direction of the District Supervisor. This event was the first of its kind for many years held in the District. The consensus of opinion of the large gathering encouraged dances being held in the future. It is self-evident that many contacts with non-members can be made by means of this activity.

Hull—Baptismal services were held at Holderness Road Baths, Hull District, Saturday, December 19th, at which six persons were baptized by Elders S. Albert Smith and Leonard N. Giles, and confirmed members of the Church the same day by President Thomas A. Lambert and Elders Wendell W. Taylor, Dallas A. Berrett, Robert L. Bridge and Clarence R. Ellsworth.

Leeds—On December 12th, a baptismal service was held at the Shipley Baths, Shipley, Leeds District. Nine persons were baptized by Elders Dan L. Frodsham, Cyril A. Linford, Lawrence T. Heath and local

Elder Fred Laycock, and were confirmed members of the Church the same evening at the monthly Union meeting by Elders Joseph D. McAllister, David Taylor, Donald K. Ipson, Lawrence T. Heath and local Elders D. C. A. Kimberley, George W. Warnes, George Laycock, George H. Smith and Frank Holroyd.

Liverpool—The All-Auxiliary contest was concluded at the Northern Section Union meeting, Liverpool District, held at Blackburn, on Saturday, December 5th. Competition was exceptionally keen between the contestants in the several branches. Rewards were given the winning organizations. As a result of the District Song contest, two noteworthy songs were composed by Sisters Dorothy Leak and Annie Johnson. Following the contest, instructions were given to the various auxiliaries. The meeting hall was filled to capacity. In connection with the Auxiliary contests, the Relief Society Sisters held their bazaar, which was far more successful than anticipated.

Manchester—Baptismal services were held at Manchester, December 2nd. Two persons were baptized by local Elder William Gregson, and were confirmed members of the Church the same day by President Martin R. Braithwaite and Elder Elbert G. Adamson. And on Saturday, December 5th, one person was baptized by Elder Louis J. Hoggan, and confirmed a member of the Church by President Martin R. Braithwaite.

Norwich—The members and their friends of the Lowestoft Branch, Norwich District, were entertained by the Relief Society Sisters, December 3rd. A most delightful and well prepared program was presented. The large gathering felt well paid for the time and money spent.

The Yarmouth Branch anniversary social was held December 10th. In addition to the presence of the local members and their friends, many saints from the neighbouring branches joined in the fun. An appropriate program of games and other festivities was enjoyed by all present, after which lunch was served.

Sheffield—Two persons were baptized at the Sheffield Branch Chapel, Sheffield District, Saturday, September 16th, by Elder Howard L. Armstrong. They were confirmed members of the Church the same day by President James C. Rawlinson and Local Elder Joseph T. Quinney. The following Wednesday, September 20th, one person was baptized at special services by local Elder Joseph T. Quinney and confirmed by President James C. Rawlinson.

At baptismal services, held in the Sheffield Branch Chapel, December 4th, eight persons were baptized by Elder Rulon D. Newell, and confirmed members of the Church the following day at the Sunday evening Sacrament meetings in their respective branches, by President James C. Rawlinson and Elders Rulon D. Newell, William H. Clawson and H. Vernon Clegg.

Welsh—At baptismal services held Saturday, December 19th, at the Pontnewynydd Baths, Wales, one person was baptized by Elder Elman T. Woodfield and was confirmed a member of the Church the same day by President Clarence H. Taylor.

A special service was held in the I. L. P. Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, Sunday, December 6th. Professor E. M. Rowe of the Brigham Young University was the speaker. The Troedyrhiw Male Voice Party furnished the

musical selections for the evening. One hundred persons were in attendance who were much impressed by the services and the spirit of the meeting.

On Thursday evening, December 10th, a very successful social was held in the same hall, at which refreshments were served, followed by a program and games.

DEATHS

HARD—Sister Emily B. Hard of the Portsmouth District, passed away on December 10th, after having been taken seriously ill the previous Friday. Funeral services were held at the Eastney cemetery, on Saturday, December 12th, under the direction of President David L. Rowley, Jr.

KERSEY—Sister Emily Kersey of the London District, passed away on November 13th, in her seventy-first year. Although denied the privilege of working in an organized branch, Sister Kersey proved her faithfulness as a servant of the Lord. Her associates deeply feel her absence.

STAPLEFORD—Sister Elsie Maude Stapleford, a faithful member of the Nottingham Branch, Nottingham District, passed away on December 4th. Funeral services were held in the family home, December 7th, under the direction of President Dix W. Price. Inspiring and consoling addresses were given by Elders Jules Gillette and Elden L. Bastian. Elder F. Vernon Rawson dedicated the grave. The following Sunday, December 13th, memorial services were held in the Eastwood Branch in remembrance of Sister Stapleford.

WALKER—Brother John Frederick Walker, a faithful Elder of the Hull Branch, Hull District, passed away on December 11th, at the age of seventy-seven. Funeral services were held at the family home, under the direction of Branch President Thomas A. Lambert, who also dedicated the grave. Appropriate addresses were given by District President Thomas A. Lambert and Elder Clarence R. Ellsworth.

WIGGINS—Elijah Wiggins, of the Stoke-on-Trent Section of the Manchester District, six-year-old, died from effects of pneumonia, on December 8th. Funeral services were held at the family home, under the direction of President Martin R. Braithwaite.

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